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Police lead toy, cash donation effort

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La Porte community volunteers join forces for the Blue Santa program.

The La Porte Police Department and citizen volunteer groups collaborated for the 2013 Blue Santa program.

According to a release from the department, "The program's primary mission is to provide toys and Christmas dinners for needy children and their families in the La Porte area, many of whom would not have the means to hold traditional Christmas festivities on their own. As a result of this year's Blue Santa program, the joint La Porte organizations collected over 1,500 new toys, including the combined distribution and upcoming delivery of nearly 490 bicycles, provided through the Elves & More Program. In addition, almost \$5,000 in cash donations were received. Cash donations were used to purchase additional toys, all of which were distributed to less fortunate families by La Porte's Neighborhood Center and the City's Jennie Riley Community Center."

Program participants included the La Porte Police Department, the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, the local neighborhood center, Independent School District, Ameco Equipment and Walmart, with donations from the La Porte Fire Department, Municipal Police Officer's Association and private individuals.

The La Porte Police Department is at 3001 N. 23rd St.

For more information, call 281-842-3183.

The La Porte Police Department serves the residents of the community with a patrol division, criminal investigations division and a support services division, which includes the citizen's police academy and school resource officers, among other services. Kenith Adcox is the chief of the La Porte Police Department.